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Bowles Says; Keep Rents Down Now!

Washington, D. C. "A real estate lobby, which I am sure cannot truly represent the vast majority of American landlords, has now openly demanded a 15 per cent over-all increase in rents throughout the nation. This frontal assault on price control would cost American families over one billion dollars in added rents for one year alone," OPA Administrator Chester Bowles declared here.

"Rent takes 17 per cent of the average low income family's expenditures and makes the biggest hole in the family pocketbook next to food. With inflationary pressures as great as they are now, this 15 per cent increase in the level of rents demanded by some real estate lobbyists could easily blow the lid off the whole stabilization program and sweep the country into the kind of inflationary whirlwind and collapse which followed the last war."

"The big danger lies ahead. In the two years immediately following the Armistice in 1918, the average level of rents increased by more than 35 per cent due to the release of pent-up demand for new housing in a country where building had been at a virtual standstill. "Any increase such as the one now being demanded would fall heavily upon workers who are unable to compensate by increasing their wages."

Richberg Plugs For Bill Aimed To Put Unions In Straitjacket

Washington, D. C. With the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain beating the drums to draw the crowd, Atty. Gen. Donald Richberg, chairman of the Citizens Committee to Promote Industrial Peace, has taken on the role of side show barker in behalf of the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill to hog-tie organized labor.

Richberg and the newspaper chain are attempting to sell the public on the measure that has met the united opposition of all sections of the labor movement. His newest stunt is to offer a \$1,000 forfeit if he is "unable to prove to impartial judges" that the statements made against the straitjacket bill by labor have been "unfair, inaccurate and misleading."

Norway's Prime Minister Trade Union Veteran

The prime minister of the newly formed Norwegian government, Einar Gerhardsen, labor party member, still belongs to the Roadworkers Union, where he got his start in political activity. When the Nazis invaded Norway Gerhardsen was the mayor of the capital city, Oslo. He was promptly arrested by the Nazis and spent the next four years in German concentration camps.

The new cabinet includes every major party, from right to left, with the Laborites holding a majority of the seats. The Labor party is reported working out a joint slate in the coming elections with the Communist party, which has two representatives in the cabinet.

Rhode Island Unions Go Out Gunning for Ceiling Violators

Providence, Rhode Island. Rhode Island retailers who are overcharging may face a flock of trouble damage suits as a result of a campaign launched by the Rhode Island Federation of Labor.

The campaign, which includes personal letters to union members, addresses at local meetings and radio talks, aims at making more AFL unionists file written complaints with local rationing boards.

Justice Roberts Quits Bench; Noted 'Diehard'

Washington, D. C. Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts of the U. S. Supreme Court, who has a solid record of dissents from all liberal and labor legislation, recently resigned effective July 31 under the retirement act. Roberts is 70.

"Oh, dear," she said, "I've missed you so much." Then she raised the revolver and fired again.—CAMP BOWIE BLADE.

Building Trade Jurisdictional Battle Settled

Detroit, Michigan. Both AFL and CIO ultimatums on construction and installation in the auto reconversion program in Detroit have been withdrawn and the previous status quo is again in effect. The AFL building trades unions are working on the Chrysler buildings without assurance that AFL labor will be used to final completion. CIO auto workers are permitting AFL construction men in the auto plants without assurance that all laidoff CIO maintenance men are back on the job, pending adoption of an overall formula.

ESPERANTO NEEDED BY PICKETERS

Hollywood, Calif. Hollywood film strikers think there ought to be an international language like Esperanto for picket signs. Following up on letters sent to United Nations delegates giving them the facts of the strike called by the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL) and asking them not to cross picket lines when they visited Hollywood studios on their way home from the San Francisco conference, pickets carry signs in many languages.

"They didn't have one in Chinese, however, and when members of the Chinese delegation arrived outside M-G-M studios, they grinned in delight at the pickets, nodded in an extremely friendly manner and clasped their hands in greeting. Then they passed on through the M-G-M gates to see the sights of Hollywood. They had mistaken the picket signs and the pickets for a welcoming committee!"

CONFERENCE LAUDS HELP FROM LABOR

Nashville, Tenn. Organized labor is a vital force working constantly for betterment of the average Southerner and his family, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare declared.

In a pamphlet, "For Your Children, Too," published recently, the Conference asserted that much of the long-range security and welfare of Southern workers depends on the strength of organized labor below the Mason-Dixon line.

"Tomorrow's world—the world of our children—will depend in large measure on our protection of the rights of labor organizations and on our cooperation with these common goals," the pamphlet organizations in pursuit of our states. It concludes, "If you are a worker, join a union. They work for you and your children, too!"

Co-ops Produce Cigarettes, But Try to Get Some

Chicago, Illinois. Cooperators who are cigarette smokers are now switching to co-op by the hundreds—and discovering that billion-dollar advertising campaigns are not necessarily the guide to a good cigarette.

The first monthly allotment of CO-OP Cigarettes—newly blended, newly wrapped, newly packaged—was distributed by National Cooperatives early in May. "Rationing" of the present limited quantity—2,000,000 cigarettes a month—to regional cooperatives has been worked out on a basis involving a number of factors, including patronage records and advance ordering, explained Hugh E. Bogardus, head of National's grocery department, which is handling the cigarettes and other tobacco items.

Civilization Saved!

W. C. Fields tells the famous story about the naval governor's attempt to regulate native morals on pre-war Guam:

"The charming native wenches wore nothing but skirts which left the upper half of their bodies bare—something I could never bring myself to protest about, for such things are a joy to the eye. But the correct and moral governor said he was sure the Marines stationed there would be led to temptation, so he ordered all native women when in the presence of whites, especially Marines, to cover their bosoms. This puzzled the natives, but they accepted the order. Thereafter when a group of native girls met a group of Marine guys walking down the road, they reached quickly down and lifted the garments up. Then, with their chests covered, and the rest of their bare, they walked demurely by the guardians of heaven's gates."

Mr. Cecil DeMille Makes His Debut In Wichita; Show Is Colossal Flop

Wichita, Kansas. You could find more people in a Cecil B. DeMille supercolossal movie epic than in the audience that turned out to hear the movie producer spew his anti-labor line before a meeting of the reactionary Town Hall Club here.

The newspapers had reported that because of an unprecedented demand for tickets, 3,000 seats had been placed at the disposal of the general public. But those who came expecting a full house were surprised. There were only 3,000 in the whole stadium and wide spaces of empty seats, although admission was free and the press and radio had lavished advance publicity on the affair.

It had been announced that the governors of both Kansas and Nebraska were invited, but neither showed up. Nor did the high Oklahoma officials mentioned in the advance publicity make their appearance.

In his talk, entitled The Rights and Wrongs of the Majority, DeMille repeated his line that labor's enforcing its rules among its members smacks of communism and is a dire threat to constitutional government.

CLEVELAND'S UNIONS PLAN ACTIVE ROLE IN ELECTION

Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Federation of Labor is readying a strong, independent political organization, Labor's Non-Partisan League, to act in the interests of organized labor in the coming elections.

Edward P. Murphy, chairman of the league, named a temporary panel of officers on the recommendation of the CFL and promised that the league's endorsements would be neither arbitrary nor binding on delegates to the CFL.

Calling for the utmost democracy in the new organization, Murphy told the CFL meeting: "Too many labor leaders feel they owe an allegiance to a party before an allegiance to labor. But these men do not express the views of the rank and file. Partisan politics cannot count if we are to be successful, labor must come first. Our failure has been a failure to get our story back to the rank and file—to keep them thoroughly informed as to exactly what is happening."

Michigan Labor Head Denounces Soviet-Baiting

Lansing, Michigan. Countering false anti-Russian propaganda, Political Action Committee Director Doan Reed of Lansing says: "The Russian system has produced a strong, happy and united people, economically independent. Russian youth has been trained from infancy to do the thing that is best for the group. This is a lesson we must learn if we are to have a true democracy. Rugged individualism must give way to cooperative helpfulness."

DON'T NEED SIRLOINS TO KEEP ALIVE, SAYS BUREAU

Washington, D. C. Even though you can't get that sirloin steak, the children's bureau of the Dept. of Labor said, "everything that meat has that children need in their diet is available in other foods that are more plentiful."

Nutritionists of the bureau said the protein in liver sausage, hot dogs, tongue, and canned luncheon meat, "compares favorably with that found in prime rib roasts." On top of that, they found a quart of milk a day supplies all of the protein children need up to 1 year, 3/4 of the needs for ages 1-3, and at least half of the needs for those up to age 13.

Additionally, it was found eggs supply a significant addition and fish is on a par with meat as to quality and quantity of protein. Peanut butter was especially recommended because of its protein content and the added advantage of having enough fat to serve as a spread for bread.

Biggest Small Arms Factory To Shut Down

St. Louis, Missouri. Without warning the War Dept. announced the complete shutdown by Oct. 1 of the world's largest small arms manufacturing plant, operated by the U.S. Cartridge Co. Layoffs of the 16,000 workers still employed start immediately.

No previous notice was given to Local 825, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, or to the AFL unions in the plant. Immediately following the unexpected announcement the UE renewed its demand that the plant be made available for civilian production. The union also asked the War Department to end its stalling on severance pay, increased night bonuses and improved vacations, which have been approved by the Natl. War Labor Board. Maj. J. S. Hudgens told union representatives he had no information on any of these matters.

CHARGE IRRESPONSIBILITY "His lack of information well illustrates the entire irresponsibility and planlessness of the War Dept. in its relationship to the government-owned plants over which it has control," UE Intl. Rep. Robert B. Logsdon said.

"As far back as February 1944, at the time of the layoff of 17,000 other workers at U. S. Cartridge the UE called upon Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-president of the WPA, and Maj. Gen. Clay, director of material, Army Service Forces, to make St. Louis ordnance plant facilities available for other production. The army and the WPA have done nothing on this problem."

The giant plant was built by the government at a cost of \$100 million and went into production at the end of 1941. It once employed 40,000 workers.

Guild Supports Strike Against New York Press

New York City. Officers of the Newspaper Guild of New York supported demands of striking newspaper deliverymen in a statement which hit the Natl. War Labor Board's extreme patience with recalcitrant employers and its extreme haste in penalizing unions that balk.

The guild said the publishers' offer to "let the WLB decide" their dispute with Newspaper & Mail Deliverers Union (unaffiliated) over a 3% contribution to a union sick and disability fund is "hypocritical." Although WLB permits approval of such plans if agreed upon by the parties, it will not order approval in dispute cases, the guild pointed out, thus making the publishers' offer an attempt to pass the buck to WLB.

"We regret that Chairman George W. Taylor of WLB is permitting the board to be used in behalf of a publisher's attempt to break the drivers' union," the statement said.

FEPC Personnel Will Stay on Job Despite Drying Up of Salary

Washington, D. C. Employees of the FEPC in Washington unanimously agreed at a meeting here to remain on the job despite the fact Congress has not appropriated money to pay their salaries.

The agreement was announced by FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross by Executive Vice Pres. Thomas Richardson of the United Federal Workers, which represents about 75% of the FEPC staff.

Richardson said that the union would make every effort to aid workers faced by personal hardship because of the fight on the agency.

CO-OP DELEGATES TO ATTEND CONFAB OF INTERNATIONAL

Chicago, Illinois. Pres. Murray D. Lincoln of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. and Vice-Pres. Howard A. Cowden were selected by the directors of the Cooperative League to be its representatives at a meeting called by the Intl. Cooperative Alliance in London, Sept. 10.

Herzog Gets Oath As New Chairman Of NLRB; Lauds Senator Wagner

Washington, D. C. Paul M. Herzog, 39, former naval lieutenant and ex-chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board, took the oath of office as chairman of the NLRB here recently on the 10th anniversary of the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Herzog, who succeeds Harry A. Millis as chairman, was sworn in by Justice Henry W. Edgerton of the Court of Appeals and in the presence of Sen. Robert F. Wagner and other officials.

The new chairman said that Sen. Wagner "had the foresight, and even more important, the courage to fight for decades before 1935 for the things which we younger men sometimes take for granted. Today marks the close of a different decade, the one in which this board has sought to give life, day in and day out, to the law which will always bear the senator's name."

Wagner called the act that bears his name "a great stabilizing factor in our industrial life." He added that only fascist nations could entirely eliminate industrial strife.

Watt Questions Certain Features Of UNO Setups

Washington, D. C. Withholding full approval of the San Francisco charter of the United Nations, AFL Intl. Rep. Robert J. Watt wrote that "it remains to be seen whether the formula... can bring an enduring peace to mankind. The millions of men and women of the AFL fervently hope it will."

Watt wrote in the July issue of the American Federationist, assaying the work on the charter which he watched as one of the consultants to the U. S. delegation.

The AFL spokesman said it seemed to him the conference was "dominated by the past." He said "power politics were at a premium although we know that power politics have been responsible for the devastation of many lands. American labor, which had long opposed the domination of the many by the few and had long advocated an international organization founded on justice and with authority to maintain peace with the four freedoms, was disappointed. The Molotov of 1945 had apparently replaced the Clemenceau of 1919."

Approval of the veto provision for the Big Five powers was criticized by Watt, who claimed that instead of being realistic, this provision "by preventing majority decisions, may invite war."

British Unions Ask Socialized Mine Program

London, England. A campaign for nationalization of Great Britain's coal mines was authorized by the first conference of the newly-formed Natl. Union of Mine Workers, Allied Labor News reports. The action followed a warning by NUM Pres. Will Lawther that continued private ownership of the mines "means prolongation of the years of shortage of food and clothing, in addition to the permanent loss of important markets."

Chicago Tribune Gets Over Libel Gagging Bill

Springfield, Illinois. A radio libel bill, sponsored by Col. Robert R. McCormick's Chicago Tribune and branded a threat to free speech by its opponents, was passed by the Illinois general assembly.

Although the bill was amended, all Chicago radio stations except WGN, the Tribune's station, continued to oppose it. It was also fought by the Chicago Federation of Labor. Provisions of the bill would make it difficult for the "common people organized for discussion" to get on the air, "especially on political issues," said a labor spokesman.

The amended measure provides penalties of one year in jail or a \$500 fine or both. It would make speakers and station owners and operators guilty of criminal libel for defamation of character if the defamatory statements were "maliciously and knowingly" uttered.

Sooner or later we learn that those who offer bargains get richer quicker than those who seek them.

Veterans Flay Post's Ban on Nisei Soldier

Spokane, Washington. Refusal of Post 51, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to admit Pfc. Richard Naito, wounded Japanese-American, has drawn a vigorous protest from his fellow patients at Baxter hospital here.

Signed by 458 of them, most of whom were wounded in action and wear the Purple Heart, a petition to the post urges that Naito's case be reconsidered. "This is not what we fought for in this war and it will not help our buddies in the Pacific who still have a job to do," the petition concludes.

BLAME MINORITY A group of patients were denied permission to read to the post's membership Naito's own letter urging reconsideration. After waiting several hours the patients were told that a motion to permit reading of the letter was passed and then tabled under an obscure by-law. The soldiers pinned responsibility for the exclusion of Naito on a small minority, declaring that more than 95% of the members present wanted to have the letter read and favored Naito's admission.

"Twelve months ago on a hot day, I was lying in the fields near Pisa, my right leg shattered by a German bullet," Naito's letter said. "Enemy resistance was terrific. I lay there in that field for 10 hours, half delirious from pain, almost crazed with fear of enemy artillery that burst around me. That day I didn't know whether I would ever set foot on American soil."

REWARD FOR SACRIFICE "Today on American soil, thousands of miles from Pisa, I have been wounded again by another weapon—hypocrisy, prejudice, call it what you will. Little did I expect, as I lay wounded on the battlefield, that upon my return home to the people for whom I fought and suffered, I would be repudiated."

Diehard Polish Government in London Is 'Out' Pres. Harry S. Truman recently announced that the United States government has established diplomatic relations with the newly formed Polish Provisional Government of National Unity at Warsaw.

This action, isolating the exiled regime of Polish landlords and diehards at London, was taken following receipt of notification from the Warsaw government that it was set up in accordance with the Polish constitution of 1921, and that it recognized in full the Crimean conference decisions.

Truman said the new Polish regime "has informed me in a written communication that it has recognized in their entirety the decisions of the Crimean conference on the Polish question. The new government has thereby confirmed its intention to carry out the provisions of the Crimean decision with respect to the holding of elections."

Arthur Bliss Lane has been named U. S. ambassador to Poland.

New Pole Government Includes Four Chief Parties of Country Four main parties are represented in the broadened Polish government reorganized on the basis of the Yalta agreement. They are the Peasant, Workers, Socialist and Democratic parties. At a press conference held in Moscow after agreement on the new government was reached, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former premier of the London government-in-exile and vice premier of the new government, said: "The new Poland will enter the world arena in a most positive sense, not as a source of friction but of unity."

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Union Buys Telephone Building for Temple

Toledo, Ohio. Local 6, Hotel & Restaurant Employees (AFL) got a prompt answer when, as head of a delegation asking funds for FEPC, he asked the House rules committee to act on the bill. "Throw him out!" yelled Rep. Eugene E. Cox (D. Ga.), and a Washington cop assaulted Collins. (Federated Pictures)

'What-a-Man' Simon



New York feels mailman Simon Schneider is a citizen to be proud of. America's most generous blood donor—he's given to the Red Cross 29 times—he also finds time to take part in the affairs of his union, Local 36, Natl. Assn. of Letter Carriers (AFL). (Federated Pictures).

Relaxing of Wage Controls Seen by State Federation

(Released from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California. Reports that contemplated revisions of War Labor Board formula are pending and are likely to be released before Labor Day have been multiplied by releases of various trade journals and tip sheets. That these reports are not without foundation is evidenced by the fact that a short time ago George W. Taylor, present head of the National War Labor Board, held a meeting in Cleveland with all Wage Stabilization Directors of the various Regional War Labor Boards throughout the country, at which a number of suggestions incorporating purported changes to be made in Board formulas were discussed. It has also been ascertained that public members of the Board were present at one of the sessions.

Following this meeting, Wage Stabilization Directors reported back to their staffs, apparently to initiate the new orientation in anticipation of the time when the revised policy becomes official.

'FORMULA' REVISION Subjects discussed were the revision of the Little Steel formula, reportedly to be upped 15%, so that wages, under certain conditions not yet specified, will be increased 30% above the base pay received on January 1, 1941; the question of brackets and their probable abolition; reconversion problems and similar related matters stemming from these.

Knowledge of this has been current for some time, and the date, as well as the extent of public announcement of this plan, depend on a number of factors which are best known to those responsible for them.

FEDERATION RESOLUTION The Federation has been aware of the contemplated changes and has waited impatiently for their public verification. In the meantime, the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor at its recent meeting in Sacramento, anticipating many of the serious knots that have to be unraveled on the whole question of wage policy, passed a resolution requesting that all wage rates negotiated between labor and management, not entailing a price increase, should be permitted to be consummated without approval of the War Labor Board.

No AFL Meeting For '45 (Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Application by the American Federation of Labor to hold its 65th Annual Convention next October was rejected by the War Committee on Conventions of the Office of Defense Transportation. Although the petition to the War Committee on Conventions was supplemented by the submission of facts and reasons considered sound for the need of holding this annual convention, the Committee denied the petition for reasons which President Green and the A. F. of L. have accepted as valid.

In a letter sent out to the affiliates of the A. F. of L., President Green enumerates the reasons given and assures the membership that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. will perform the necessary functions in lieu of a convention. The meeting of the Executive Council will be held beginning August 6 and its proceedings will be made available to the membership.

Hector Hangover, gag man for the San Diego Labor Leader, says his dog can't talk, but every evening around six o'clock he peeks out at his typewriter: "I gotta see a dog about a man."

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The Labor Editor Speaks

SO THIS IS DEMOCRACY!

In one breath the poll-taxers tell you that the poll-tax does not stop anybody from voting who wants to vote and that it is not aimed against the negro. In the next breath, by inference, they tell you the opposite. For instance, consider that the following statement was made in the National Capitol in Washington in 1945 by a United States Senator supposed to subscribe to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights:

"Discrimination against negroes has been happening for 300 years. They were discriminated against sorely before Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and since then they have been discriminated against, and they will be discriminated against for the next 500 or 1000 years if they decide to continue to live side by side with the white men of this country . . . There is only one way that the Negro can escape this discrimination and that is by voluntarily returning to his fatherland, West Africa."

That statement was made in the United States Senate by Poll-Tax Senator Theodore ("The Man") Bilbo of Mississippi. This is frequently the kind of mangy human that is sent to the Senate by a state "protected" by the poll-tax. Here is a senator sworn to uphold the Constitution with its guarantees of protection for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude and, with Nazi-like appeals to race prejudice that would make Hitler drool with joy, uses the Senate chamber as a forum to spew his poison. As long as this sort of thing can happen, the United States will not have the moral leadership of the world in the eyes of the three-fourths of its population who are yellow, black, brown and red.

Of all the chattering, bird-brained troglodytes with which this country is cursed, none can exceed in nasty depravity these hard-shelled poll-taxers. Had they lived in Germany they would have been among the first to click heels and "Heil!" at the approach of der Fuehrer, for their passion for race prejudice is the fountain-head at which fascism fattens.

Bilbo says that, so far as he is concerned, unless the 10 million or more negroes in this country (whose ancestors were brought over here in chains by white men and sold to other white men like so many cows or bales of hay) voluntarily go back to West Africa where they came from, then they can expect to be Jim-crowed and denied equality of opportunity into eternity. A man in the high position of Senator who would let a dirty remark like this tumble from his foul mouth must have the soul of a jackal and the conscience of a hyena.

The remark is all the worse because it is hypocrisy. The last thing in the world a lot of these "southern aristocracy" (master race) would stand for would be a negro exodus from the South back to West Africa. For how long would the lingering feudalism of Poll-Tax Land last without an inexhaustible supply of exploited, underprivileged labor to keep the wage levels down for all workers? The Bilbos would be the first to oppose such a move when it came to a show-down.

As a matter of fact, most of these poll-tax senators and representatives are still for chattel slavery. In their hearts (or whatever you call the withered organs that pump their whey) they hate Lincoln and all that the Emancipation meant.

It was on the Fourth of July that we first read what Bilbo said in the Senate. We started with Paine, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, and on July 4, 1945, after a century and a half of democratic development, we come up with this Bilbo monstrosity. Our holiday was ruined!

PROFITS BEFORE HEALTH

Private power interests in the Bonneville area in the state of Washington are trying their best to capture business by fair means or foul. An editorial report in The Nation describes the predatory procedure:

"How far they have already gone may be illustrated by a brief account of their dealings with the Vero Irrigation district on the outskirts of Spokane. The farms in this district are small. Most of the owners are part-time farmers—teachers, clerks, and industrial workers employed in Spokane. The district's contract for power with the Washington Water Power Company expired in December, 1944. When the company failed to meet the rate offered by the Bonneville Power Administration, the district signed up for Bonneville power. The Bonneville rate is about 57 per cent less than the rate offered by the Private utility, and when the power is available, the consumers to whom the district distributes the power will benefit from a 30 per cent net reduction. Under the regulations of the WPB, however, the Bonneville Power Administration cannot obtain priorities for materials to build a substation and connecting lines to the district, although its existing lines are only a short distance away."

"Faced with Bonneville competition, the private utility offered every inducement the district to sign a five-year contract, but since the rate offered failed to meet the Bonneville rate, the district refused. The private utility then notified the district that it would not provide power during the interval that Bonneville was unable to serve the district. In effect, this was a threat of death to a prosperous farming community. Finally local public-health officials intervened to protect the district, and the company backed down."

PEACE IN THE ORIENT

A bulletin issued by the Foreign Policy Association advocates firm co-operation with the Soviets in the Asiatic field. It contends that the Russians have every reason to pursue a policy that will lead to peace. It reminds us that when Japan attacked China, the Russians supported the Chinese with materials and refused help of any kind to Japan. At the same time we were selling Japan all the war material it could pay for!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

SURE-FIRE TEST

An American sailor bribed his way into a Turkish harem, was amazed to see a fat, bored eunuch playing a hose on a line-up of bewitching ladies. "A religious rite," asked the sailor. "Not at all," said the eunuch. "Orders. When one of them sizzles, I send her in to the sultan."

CHANGE IN ORDER

A very little boy and girl were busy playing house one afternoon. Suddenly the little girl tugged at her mother's skirts. "I am afraid we'll have to leave now," she said gravely. "My husband just wet his pants."

ULTIMATE IN DATA

The sailor and the little blonde he had just picked up danced dreamily around the floor at the Coney Island pier. "Tell me about yourself," he breathed softly into her ear. "Your background, your ambitions, your telephone number."

WASN'T A PIKER

A patron on the beach at Coney Island left his wife alone for a few minutes. When he came back, he saw a crowd of excited people gathered at the water's edge. "What's the matter?" he asked a cop. "They just pulled some dame out of the water," was the reply.

The man investigated and found that the rescued party was his wife. "What are you doing to her?" he cried. "We're giving her artificial respiration," was the answer. "Artificial, hell," screamed the man. "Give her the real thing. I'll pay for it."

HAD HER SPOTTED

Mr. Goldfarb entered his flat in a terrible condition. His clothing was torn, his nose was bloody, and a couple of front teeth were missing completely. "What happened?" cried Mrs. Goldfarb in alarm.

"It's that no good Irish janitor," explained Mr. Goldfarb. "He tried to tell me that he had made love to every woman in this entire building except one."

Mrs. Goldfarb paused a moment to consider. "Hmpf, I'll bet that's that stuck-up Mrs. Steinberg on the fifth floor."

TRIPLE HARMONY

Jimmy Durante claims an uncle who can play two instruments at the same time. "With the left side of his mouth," says Jimmy, "he plays 'Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries.' With the right side he plays 'Don't Sit under the Apple Tree.' And with the middle of his mouth he blows out the seeds."

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

A pair of newlyweds stepped into their hotel elevator. "Hello, darling," murmured the pretty operator. There was a chill silence all the way up, but when the couple reached their floor the bride exploded. "Who was that hussy?"

"Now don't you start anything," begged the groom. "I'm going to have enough trouble explaining you to her tomorrow."

PLANNED ECONOMY

When Old Doc McTavish retired, he gave his practice to his son, along with a final admonition. "Remember, bairn: when ye give patients a medicine, always instruct them to bring in a specimen."

"But Father, that's not always necessary, is it?"

"Of course not, bairn, but that's how ye get yer bottles back."

REGULATION WARNING

A Pullman conductor was going through the train one night when he found a red lantern hanging on one of the lower berths. He summoned the porter and said, "Why is that red lantern hanging on Lower Six, George?"

"Just look at rule No. 23," said George. "It says you should always hang up a red lantern when the rear end of a sleeper is exposed."

FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

Then there is the story of the man who found a rabbit reclining comfortably in the refrigerator. "What are YOU doing here?" demanded the man.

"Doesn't it say 'Westinghouse' on the outside of this icebox?" responded the rabbit. "Well, I see Westing."

TURN ABOUT FAIR PLAY

The weather forecaster hadn't been right in three months, and his resignation caused little surprise. His alibi, however, pleased the city council.

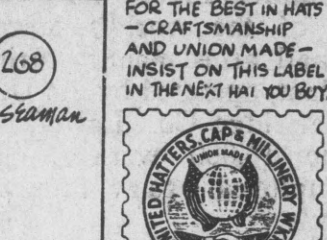
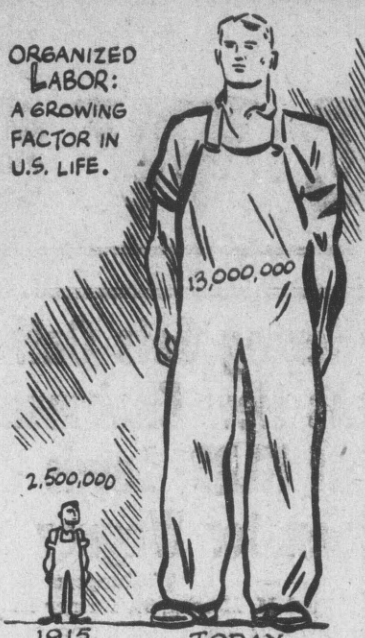
"I can't stand this town any longer," read his note. "The climate doesn't agree with me."

Laborers Show \$800,000 Bonds Bought by Int.

Washington, D. C. According to a recent communication to the War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury, Joseph V. Iforeschi, General President of the International Hod Carriers' Building and Common Laborers' Union has already subscribed for War Bonds in the sum of \$800,000. This is in addition to investments made by locals and members.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

ORGANIZED LABOR:
A GROWING FACTOR IN U. S. LIFE.



Eisenhower Wants Jobs for All

General "Ike" Eisenhower, during his reception in N. Y., gave the people of the United States, and through them those of the world, a message that one wishes could be written across the sky. He said that after the war is won there are two other jobs to be done: "They are jobs for men and peace in the world. Prosperous nations are not war-hungry, but a hungry nation will always seek war if it has to, in desperation."



THE WILD BLUE YONDER, by Emile Gauvreau. Published by E. P. Dutton Company, New York City. 286 pages. Price \$3.00.

Mr. Gauvreau is a crackjack newspaper man, with a long series of exposes and scoops to his credit. None, however, is either as shocking or as revealing as the job he does in this book on the aircraft industry and its cartel arrangements with the Krupps and Bosch of Germany and the Mitsui and Mitsubishi of Japan.

Long years as director-in-chief of investigations for the House Committee on Patents, which conducted the last official government inquiry into the aircraft monopoly, enabled Gauvreau to compile the data and the documents to prove his charge that the development of the aircraft industry in the United States was deliberately held back in the interests of fascist Germany and Japan.

All of this is not a recent development. The story goes as far back as World War I, when, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, only a few hundred "flaming coffins" were produced in this country, not one of which ever dropped a bomb on German troops. At that time the Krupps and the Thyssens, together with their French, British, and American partners, were afraid that the development of the aircraft industry would destroy their investments in steel, shipbuilding, naval ordnance, and heavy artillery. They saw to it, therefore, that military aviation would suffer a long and painful birth.

In more recent years, the progress of military aviation in the United States was delayed by other means. Cartel arrangements were worked out which permitted German and Japanese industrialists to take advantage of every new U. S. patent, while production and development in this country were actually stopped.

This is not a half-baked accusation. The recent Kilgore Committee report on cartels documents case after case of U. S. corporations supplying foreign firms with secret data that they denied to their own government. The I. G.

POEM OF THE WEEK

A Toast to Our Boys

Let's drink a toast to the widening host
Of Americans serving the Nation,
To those millions of lads (and their brothers and dads)
Who are serving our civilization;
To the men from the mills and the farms and hills
And the cities and mountains and plains
To the workers and miners and airplane designers,
And crews on the ships and the trains.
Wherever they are—be it near, be it far,
On the land, in the air, on the sea—
With a stoutness of heart they are doing their part
To keep this "the land of the free."
So good luck and God speed them—may nothing impede them
Nor make them delay or digress.
May Christmastime find them with power behind them
To roll up a final success!

Gas for Business Agents

(Released from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

J. Herbert Geoghegan, newly created Regional Labor Advisor of the Office of Price Administration, 8th Region, and former Executive Assistant to the A. F. of L. Members on the Tenth Regional War Labor Board, has issued the following memorandum in connection with gasoline rationing:

"Recently, an amendment was issued to the gasoline rationing regulations, setting up a semi-preferred mileage classification which allowed up to 825 miles per month for persons performing certain services necessary to the operation or functions of certain essential establishments. These functions, establishments and persons covered are defined in Section 1394.7708 of Rationing Order 5-C, the gasoline rationing regulation.

"This amendment has not been designed to affect in any manner the eligibility of any labor representative, or to restrict a labor representative qualified for preferred mileage to this new semi-preferred class. However, several such cases have come to the Labor Office this week in which the Labor Board through misinterpretation is wrongly placing labor representatives in this 'semi-preferred' class.

"The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that labor representatives are not so affected, so that you may be prepared in the event additional cases come to your attention.

"It is hoped that this memorandum will allow any possible future cases to be straightened out at the Local Board level, instead of subjecting our union representatives to needless appeals procedure."

Yankkee Brand

As was to be expected, the people Congressman Sabath named raised a loud protesting howl and swore they had never sworn any oath of allegiance to Hitler, Mussolini, or Hirohito. In a polite reply, Sabath said he had not implied exactly that since "American or native fascism is different from, although it has some characteristics of, the European brand."

"American fascism," he explained, "is a brand of political and economic philosophy which would subvert our democracy to the domination of a chosen few over the heritage of all Americans who have made their contributions to America regardless of race, creed or color."

"Those are the principles which have guided the Liberty Leaguers, the America Firsters, who prevented America from seeing the dangers of European fascism and preparing for this war until they were sure their interests were safeguarded and protected."

Labor's Biggest Worry: Dawdling Over Conversion

New York City A 7-point reconversion program aimed at assuring full postwar employment is outlined in The People's Plan for Reconversion, a lively illustrated pamphlet issued by the Political Action Committee.

The program calls for increasing basic wage rates by at least 20%, no cuts in prevailing take-home pay, retaining OPA with sufficient enforcement funds, keeping the U. S. Employment Service and improving it with labor representation, obtaining legislation for improved unemployment compensation, pushing for useful state and federal public works projects and establishing a Natl. Production Council of representatives of labor, management and government.

The pamphlet is written by Joseph Gaer with cartoons by Mischa Richter. The pamphlet stresses: "Whether or not we have full employment after the war depends on what we do right now to protect our workers as we daily shift the balance of production from war goods to civilian and peacetime needs."

Calling upon readers to press for adoption of the 7-point program, the pamphlet concludes: "Tell your senators and your congressmen that you will keep them personally accountable if they fail to do all in their power to help realize the people's program for reconversion."

That 'Shackle' Measure: LABOR PRESS UNANIMOUSLY BLASTS SOLONS WHOSE ACT IS JUST WHAT NAM CRAVES

New York City.

Union papers representing all sections of the labor movement are delivering editorial blasts against the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill, the labor shackling measure introduced recently in Congress.

Pointing out that "no labor man was consulted at any time on any phase of this bill," the Cleveland Citizen, AFL paper, says: "If we take them at their word we cannot help but wonder what such men as Samuel Fels, head of Fels & Co., Arthur D. Whiteside, president of Dun & Bradstreet, and George W. Alger, attorney for the Sheffield Farms Dairy, are doing on the sponsoring committee. Are we supposed to be silly enough to accept these three men as business agents for organized labor?"

CALLS SENATORS 'DUPES'
Taking the stand that the three senators were dupes, Labor, organ of the railroad brotherhoods, says: "For our part we are inclined to think the senators were 'sold a bill of goods' by clever 'experts' who thought they saw an opportunity to stampede Congress into adoption of a 'labor code' which would gladden the heart of the NAM. It's amusing to see how even anti-union newspapers are backing up their support of the bill. Only such sturdy reactionaries as Mark Sullivan are still accepting it 100 per cent."

In an editorial headed The Ball and Chain Bill, Trade Union Record, New York City AFL paper, says: "In a nutshell, the bill wipes out the closed shop, makes arbitration compulsory and ties up enforcement in the courts. The bill is a keg of dynamite that threatens to blow up our war effort against Japan. If it is passed, the NAM and other groups of monopolistic employers will start a frenzied open shop drive on a scale never before seen in this country."

The partisans occupy strategic coastal areas, which will be the future landing points of invading allied armies. Unless the State Department revises its policy of encouraging the Chungking government to fight the partisans, we will be faced with the absurdity of asking the military aid of forces which we officially do not even recognize as existing.

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CHILE LABOR URGES PROBE OF BLAST IN COPPER MINE

Santiago, Chile
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A Real Houdini

A parrot was mascot on one of the troop ships, so the story goes, and was at liberty to roam at will. One of the G-I's was a professional magician and in order to keep in practice and also to entertain the boys, he gave daily exhibitions of his skill. The parrot was always on hand, and after each performance would scream, "Fake! Fake!" much to the annoyance of the magician.

The ship was torpedoed and sank almost immediately. The magician came to the surface, but saw no one put the parrot sitting on a floating object.

"You win, you win," screamed the parrot, "but what did you do with it?"



SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 3-8789.

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres., Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298, Secy., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 5341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Eddie Rose. Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmueller; Fin. Sec., Harry Boch; Rec. Sec., Jim Errington. (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 2132). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30. Carpenters' Hall, North Main St., Phone 1111. Pres., R. Timmerman. Secy., George Harter; Fin. Sec., H. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas., R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec., Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall. Pres., Jean Pilliar; Fin. Sec., Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec., Blanche Van Ermon.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Penchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. C. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 425 Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres., F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4893; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodas Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m., Pres., Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Colin Border, Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas, Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secy., Geo. Ulrichsen, Spreckels. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 88 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Lloyd Lovett, 131 So. Branciforte, Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris, Secretary, W. C. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

Salinas - Watsonville Division

With Local 890

FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets
Salinas, California

In the presence of the U. S. Conciliation Service, your Union arrived at a new contract for the Ice Industry which will give our people the 8-hour day and the 40-hour week as well as seniority. This contract has been approved by the members with a few changes and the employer representatives will be approached within the

next few days in order that it be sent to the War Labor Board for their approval.

The following companies are affected: Salinas Valley Ice Company with four plants; National Ice and Developing Company; Growers Ice, and the Union Ice Company.

In the instance of the Chualar plant, it was finally agreed that a day storage man be employed in the future. This case was also decided in the presence of the U. S. Conciliation Service.

Our contract with Western Frozen Foods does not expire until the month of October. The Company will be notified immediately by mail at the proper time to open the contract for negotiations. A special called meeting of all members employed at the Western Frozen Foods Company will be called immediately.

TO ALL SHOP STEWARDS in the Watsonville area. Please notify the Union in the event you find any new employee working along side of you so that they can be approached by union representatives. A new member strengthens your immediate occupation as well as your own Union. Be ever mindful of your obligations.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT SPIEGEL FOODS CO.: On or about the first of the month, the meat plant will commence operations. Meat boners will be needed for this very important industry, in that the meat processed will all be used in the Pacific theatre which will add towards the prosecution of this war.

We again request that all of our members at Spiegel Foods Company cooperate with the following Shop Stewards: Virginia Young, Herschel Emberson and Carl McGehee on the night shift. Margaret Grasso, Vivian Crisp and James Porter on the day shift. In the event of an important grievance, please fill out a grievance report and hand it to the Shop Steward.

The Local War Price and Ration Board located at 240 John Street, is in great need of voluntary workers to make periodical surveys on groceries and other commodities. Price control is of great importance to all of us. Your Union makes this urgent request that in the event you can devote even one day a month towards this vital and important work, that you contact the office of the War Price and Ration Board, telephone Salinas 4861.

HEY, SCABS, DON'T BITE ORGANIZERS! Martin, Tennessee In this small southern anti-union town, it may sound like a man-bites-dog story to say that a union organizer was acquitted and the woman who bit her got a \$10 fine. Yet that is what happened.

Mary Lou Koger, organizer for the Feed Tobacco Agricultural & Allied Workers, was acquitted after her attorney, Robert Gallimore, proved she had been bitten in the eye and exhibited her dress, which had been torn to shreds.

Mrs. Waggster, one of the three women who assaulted the organizer, claimed that Miss Koger had bitten her. But all her attorney had in proof was the charge that the organizer, whom he termed an "outside agitator," had attended Highlander Folk School for the specific purpose of being well trained in biting and fighting.

So Mrs. Waggster was fined \$10 by the city and together with another of the attackers, was held over by the state for the grand jury.

Quick Thinking

Talina, the favorite actor of Napoleon, was famous for his ad-libbing.

Once, while appearing in a duel scene, he was supposed to fall mortally wounded. However, the stage pistol in the hand of the other actor failed to go off. Having pulled the trigger several times, the thoroughly bewildered duelist, unable to think of anything else to do, rushed up to Talina and gave him a violent kick.

The great actor with admirable composure exclaimed, "Mon Dieu, his shoe was poisoned!" and fell dead on the stage.

Then there was the guy who drove a garbage truck so long he became sloop-happy.

Harry Hopkins Named Suit Industry Umpire

New York City Harry L. Hopkins has been appointed impartial chairman of the New York women's coat and suit industry. Pres. David Dubinsky of the Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers Union announced.

Got Your Apple Stand? YOU MIGHT NEED IT UNLESS CONGRESS QUILTS DAWDLING, ADOPTS PLAN TO GIVE JOBS

New York City.

Expect from eight to ten million workers to be out of jobs by late 1946 or early 1947 unless Congress takes immediate action to provide

This prediction, based on the probability that the war with Japan will be over by then, is made by Economic Notes, monthly publication of Labor Research Assn., in its July issue.

Appraising the current reconversion scene, Economic Notes foresees an increase in the rate of armament cutbacks to the extent of a 50% slash in production, assuming "continuation of a hard and bitter war against the Japanese." This means, the publication says, that war production, which was well over \$60 billion at its peak last year, will be down to around \$30 billion by the early part of next year and the Federal Reserve Board index of industrial production will fall from its present level of around 225 to somewhere in the vicinity of 190.

THE PERILS OF PEACE "Although this looks like a pretty sharp fall for the FRB index," Economic Notes says, "it is relatively mild compared with what may happen when the Japanese war is finally ended, unless effective measures are taken by Congress to plan public works and provide full employment. Even if we assume very active production of consumer goods after the unconditional surrender of Japan, the FRB index may continue to decline until it reaches the neighborhood of 140 to 160 some time in late 1946 or early 1947."

"If this 30-or-more point drop should occur we might see unemployment ranging anywhere from eight to 10 million, depending on the rate of demobilization from the armed services and the number of workers who may 'evaporate,' as employers put it, that is, withdraw from the labor force."

EPITAPHS

(FROM BATH ABBEY)
Here lies Ann Mann,
She lived an old maid and
She died an old Mann.

(FROM A STONE NEAR SHEFFIELD)
Beneath these stones
Lies William Jones,
The balliff and the bum.
When he died,
The devil cried,
Come, Billy, Come.

(IN THE MINISTER CHURCH-YARD, RIPAN, YORKSHIRE)
Here lies poor but honest Bryan Tunstall;
He was a most expert angler
Until The Reaper, envious of his merit
Threw out his line,
Hooked him, And landed him here
The 21st day of April, 1790.

(FROM KALKIRK)
At rest beneath this slab of stone
Lies stingy Jimmy Wyatt.
He died one morning just at ten
And saved a dinner by it.

COULD BE!
Here I am, and here I lie,
Killed by drinking Cheltenham waters.
If we had stuck to Epsom salts
We wouldn't be lying in these here vaults.

Troubles are like babies—they only grow by nursing.—DOUGLAS JERROLD.

Home from Battle



Europe to America in one day—this is the service Air Transport Command pays our wounded. Top: Giant C-54 transport takes off for New York from ATC base in Paris. Union labor, AFL and CIO, builds the C-54. Bottom, left: Interior of the plane. Flight traffic clerk talks with a patient. Bottom, right: Wounded soldiers enjoy their lunch. (U. S. Signal Corps photos via Federated Pictures).

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Hans Top, Secy and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St.; Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, E. D. McCutcheon. Secretary, Pearl Robinson, 315 Alvarado St., phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 294, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4292. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611, Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Pres., Floyd Harris; Vice-Pres., S. Corona; Rec. Sec., Helen Day; Fin. Sec., Gene Hellam; Bus. Agt., Earl Moorhead, San Jose, Ph. Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Geo. Dietl, phone 7992. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep. L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., P.O. Box 611, phone 6744.

MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon, Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat, Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president. Paul Day, secretary, Phone 7550.

AFL FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC, MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets on call. Pres. and Bus. Agent, Louis Martin; Sec., Lester Caveny. Office, Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

HODCARRIERS, BUILDING AND COMMON LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue, Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1305, Monterey.

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LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Seefeldt, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED TEACHERS NO. 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 P. M. Fin.-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Hudson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Rec. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President, Phone 5704. H. Diaz, secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey. Phone 7986.

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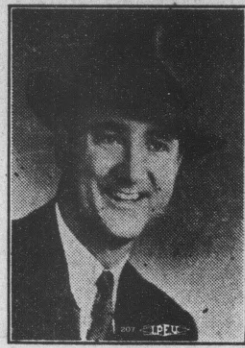
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REPORTSBy
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

The last few days of a Congressional session are always especially hectic. Bills that have been under consideration in both Houses are suddenly rushed through, without adequate debate; night sessions are frequently in order, and many important pieces of legislation are left dangling in the air. As this column is being written, Congress is preparing to take a summer recess, that is, the House is preparing to take such a recess; the Senate will continue throughout July, in an attempt to ratify the United Nations charter adopted at San Francisco.

Never has the need for reform in Congressional procedure been so apparent as during these last few days. Regardless of what any one's ideas are as to the merits or demerits of the Fair Employment Practice Commission, he cannot help being disgusted at what is taking place. First, the measure passes the House as part of the War Agencies Appropriation Bill. In the Senate, two Mississippi Senators put on a filibuster for several days, which not only holds up vital legislation, but which also holds up before the country the extremely bitter racial feeling which still exists in some parts of this country. Then Leader Barkley works out a compromise, and the bill is sent back to the House for the adjustment of differences between the two bodies. Since a conference report must come up under unanimous consent, half a dozen opponents of FEPC object, and then the entire War Agencies appropriation bill, containing funds for more than a dozen important emergency war bureaus, is held up. The bill then goes to the Rules Committee, and since a majority of that committee are opposed to FEPC, they refuse to grant a rule. Then the bill goes back to the Appropriations Committee, which turns down FEPC because "It has not been authorized by law," but does send out a measure with the appropriations for the other war agencies, even though more than half a dozen of these too, have not been authorized by law. Friends of FEPC raise a point of order against these particular agencies when the bill reaches the floor of the House, the rules do not permit an amendment to allow the FEPC appropriation to be reinstated, and so the House passes a completely emasculated War Agencies bill and sends it back to the Senate. There the appropriations for the agencies are almost certain to be put back in, the bill will return to the House and the whole silly rigmarole's likely to commence all over again. I repeat, the fact that such a state of affairs as this is not only possible, but frequently occurs in our national government illustrates vividly the need for procedural reform.

If a recess does occur, or if no pressing business is scheduled for the House for the next few weeks, your representative expects to return to California for a combination of rest and work. I hope to visit briefly all parts of the district, although, as always, there will be places that I shall not be able to visit and friends whom I shall not be able to see. In any event, I hope to make at least one swing through all four counties and to be available for conferences on matters of a government nature. As always, I shall try to arrange my schedule far enough in advance so that persons wishing to discuss matters with me will be able to do so. I shall send my itinerary, if and when it is definitely arranged, to Mr. Charles V. Gates in San Luis Obispo, Mr. A. Edwin Fisher in Ventura, Mr. Raymond Eldred in Santa Barbara, and Mr. M. W. Power in Salinas. All arrangements can then be made through one person in each county. Washington has been usually hectic and unusually hot these past few weeks, and that is saying a great deal; it will be with a feeling of relief and anticipation that I shall finally board a train headed westward.

This will be the last column until September or October. I expect to resume it when I return to the Capitol in the early fall. Until then . . .

Iowa Federation Not to
Hold Its Convention

Des Moines, Iowa
Pres. A. A. Couch, Iowa State Federation of Labor (AFL), announces that the ODT has denied a permit for the convention scheduled August 6-10.

A dimple is a kind of depression business man likes.

ILO Plans Unity Move:
RUSSIA, OTHER POWERS NOT
NOW AFFILIATED URGED TO
SEND OBSERVER TO MEETING

By GORDON SKILLING

Quebec, Canada.
Members of the United Nations which do not belong to the Int. Labor Organization will be invited by the ILO governing body to send observers to the general conference of the ILO in Paris this fall.

The decision of the ILO body was apparently taken in the hope that presence of Russian observers at Paris might pave the way for a return of the USSR to membership in the ILO. The Soviet Union is the only big member of the United Nations not represented in the ILO and her absence has been deplored by a number of delegates to the 95th meeting of the ILO governing body here.

'UNCIO' NEGOTIATIONS
The governing body also instructed the five members who represented it at the San Francisco United Nations conference to continue to act on behalf of the ILO in forthcoming negotiations with the United Nations on the future status and functions of the ILO. Carter Goodrich, chairman of the governing body and of the San Francisco delegation, expressed confidence that a satisfactory solution would be arrived at in these discussions.

Growing conviction among delegates of the need for reforms in the structure and composition of the ILO was revealed during the debates in the week-long session.

Pres. Vicente Lombardo Toledano of the Confederation of Latin American Workers declared that the ILO must adapt itself to the conditions of the new world which had emerged as a result of the war. He suggested that there should be greater representation of workers in the ILO and that international organizations of workers and employers should be represented.

'Blueberry Pie'
Is Lovely, But
Job Comes First

Lansing, Michigan
To returning war veterans who want jobs, Nash-Kelvinator Corp. is prepared to answer, "Let them eat blueberry pie."

Nash-Kelvinator became famous in the advertising world, and infamous among fighting men, for a series of advertisements in slick paper magazines announcing that U. S. soldiers were fighting for the status quo and wanted to find America "just like it was" when they come back from war. Prize winning ad in the series showed a soldier announcing, "I'm fighting for a piece of blueberry pie." Like Mom made, of course.

In Lansing Nash-Kelvinator is taking its own advertising seriously and is all set for veterans to return to an America "just like it was," including unemployment, low pay and "to hell with the unions."

Tip to Congressmen

Said Disraeli to a green Member of Parliament who asked whether or not he should address the House: "Better have them wondering why you don't make a speech, than have them wondering why you do."

Figures Don't Lie

And speaking of raising children, statistics show that Yale graduates have 1.3 children, while Vassar graduates have 1.7—which only goes to show that women have more kids than men.

Some men buy their wives fur coats to keep them warm while others buy them to keep their darlings quiet.

Laborites at ILO Session

Attending the 95th meeting of Int. Labor Organization governing body in Quebec are, l to right: Chairman Carter Goodrich, Canadian Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell and ex-Sec. of Labor Frances Perkins. ILO representatives unanimously agreed to work with the United Nations organization and invited the USSR to send observers to their Paris conference. (Federated Pictures).

Back to
Normal
Float?

Chairman Krug, of the WPB, gave business the ball the other day. "All the WPB can do," he said, "is to release industry from wartime restrictions as rapidly as possible. From then on industry must make the initiative in the task of reconversion and re-employment." He spoke of the "resilience" of the economy and the "natural forces working toward reconversion and re-employment."

Where were those natural forces in 1932? How many depressions must we have before we learn that prosperity is not necessarily fore-ordained by the "resilience" of our economy, that it is not an automatic by-product of the working of the "free enterprise" system, that it must be planned and struggled for?

There has been a growing attitude of callousness toward human feelings and human dignity. There is a school of thought which believes "free enterprise needs a normal labor float." Mr. Krug has said "As soon as munitions contracts are cut back in volume, a large portion of the American people will be going back to what they have always done." Does he mean to send 10-15 million Americans back to starvation wages and "resilient" unemployment?

Perhaps we've forgotten what unemployment feels like. Here's a workman from New Haven, talking in the depression (Bakke, Citizens Without Work):

"God almighty, it's a terrible thing when the way that you get your grub and things is by going down to the city hall, especially when you need something extra. You come home after asking for it and the wife says, 'Well, what luck?' And then you sit down and you just rock and rock, and pretty soon she asks you what you're rocking for, and you tell her that it's none of her business. And you keep on rocking and thinking of how queer it is to be getting your living by asking for it at the city hall instead of working for it. And finally when you can't stand it no longer you get up and go over to the Green and sit on a bench that don't rock. That's one reason why you're damned glad when CWA gives you a chance because then it keeps you away from home and your money is your own and you don't have time to think about things like that. And the old woman isn't jumping on your neck all the time."

The Dairy Cow

Aye bane yust a gude Swede farmer, for more than sixteen yare.

Aye raise some wheat and corn, and fat some hogs and steer; Aye watch that farmer close for where da money gits, And aye find it komin' kwickest, when you ban pullin' titts.

Doze fellas wat ban waisin' grain and haulin' dem to town—

Hay got no money in da pocket; hay been broke da whole yare round.

Dem fellas wat ban fattin' stock ban rich and ban not poor.

Sometimes hay make plenty money, some time hay losin' more.

But dem fellas wat a brindle cow, hay got bully ting, you bet;

Hay never loose him whole yare's crop, if ground bane dry or got too wet.

Ven hail ban strikin' down a crop and yust ban raisin' fits,

At night hay call dem brindles in and yust ban pullin' titts.

Hay got dem separator, what makes lots of cream,

Hay got dem money comin' in, yust like a pleasant dream;

Hay got da money in da bank, hay got da money in da mitts,

Hay been no Rockafalla—hay yust ban pullin' titts.

—T. L. CRONIN.

Politics in Britain

During the recent hot election campaign in England, Winston Churchill, it is said, was boasting of his record in "making the roar of the British Lion heard 'round the world."

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At our last regular meeting at Gilroy, many complaints were registered which could have been handled by the Shop Stewards; however, unless the complaints are brought to the Shop Stewards at the time they occur, it will avail you nothing to wait two or three weeks before reporting them. Report your complaints to the Shop Stewards who are willing to help you. Please cooperate with them. A new Shop Steward will be appointed immediately on the swing shift. The following Shop Stewards are at your disposal: Sister McHenry on the coming line; Brothers Harvey Whitney and Tafatiller, maintenance mechanics who have the opportunity to roam through every department.

ATTENTION SAFETY COMMITTEE at C. B. Gentry Company: Please check all hazardous conditions and report them to the Company immediately. May we again remind all of our members that when you become sick or disabled, report to the office of your Union. You do not have to report in person, a card or by telephone will be sufficient as long as we receive the report in the Union office. We are into the third quarter of the year. Be ever mindful of your obligations. Attend at least one meeting every three months or a fine of \$1.00 will be levied against you, if a reasonable excuse is not given.

The following members received sick benefit checks this week: Francisco Sanchez, Gilroy, first week; Emma Souza, Salinas, first week; Walter Stout, Salinas, second week; Scott O'Gwin, Salinas, seventh week; Ethel McGehee, Salinas, first week; Robert Doty, Salinas, first week; Mildred Roxas, Salinas, second week; Conchita Rueda, Salinas, first week; Selma Nye, Greenfield, first week; Jas. Compton, Gilroy, seventh week; Joseph Malch, San Martin, third week; Lorenzo Berninetti, second week.

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Calif. Sugar Workers
Expect 'Sweet Time'
In Boss Negotiations

Spreckels, Calif.
A sweet time is in store for the Regional War Labor Board in the dispute case of the United Sugar Workers Council of California.

Four big sugar companies are involved on the other side—Spreckels, American Crystal, Holly and Union. At issue are hours, overtime, holidays, sick leave, checkoff and premium pay. At the Union firm there is an additional issue of wage differentials.

The council has locals in Spreckels and a number of other California sugar beet processing centers. Membership is about 3,000. First step was to be recommendations to the WLB after dispute hearings by a tripartite panel.

Georgia Council
Endorses World
Labor Proposals

Savannah, Ga., Trades and Labor Assembly is among the latest groups of AFL central labor bodies to endorse the resolution circulated by Norfolk's AFL calling for participation in the World Trade Union Conference and for national labor unity.

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